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COST OF PUBLIC FUNERALS OF GREAT MEN.—William Pitt's funeral cost only \$30,000, while that of Nelson was \$75,000, and that of Wellington has been estimated at no less than \$500,000.

HOME OPERATIONS.

We hoped to have in this number ample space, but find hardly any, for an account of these in detail. Our Secretary has, since our last report, visited various places in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Vermont, meeting uniformly with a kind reception, and an encouraging degree of success. In Vermont alone, he lectured, during a few weeks, in fifteen of the principal towns, giving from one to three lectures in each, an average of more than one lecture a day. Auxiliary Societies, or Committees of Correspondence, were organized in some of the places he visited, and in all a tavorable impression was made, and more or less funds collected. There is a sure and steady, though far too slow, increase of interest in this cause.

STIPULATED ARBITRATION .- BEFORE STATE LEGISLATURES .- This subject, since the action of the Vt.Legislature in its favor, has been up for consideration only in that of N.H.; lu; for want of timely presentation and due care, it did not receive the requisite attention, and was referred to the next Legislature, where, as one of our most intelligent friends in the late House of Representatives has assured us, it may, if properly brought forward, secure the action we desire. All the leading men in both Houses who were consulted, as quite a number of them were, expressed themselves in favor of the measure. The subject is now, or very soon will be, before three more State Legislatures in New England, and several in other States, most of which, if not all, are likely to take action in its favor.

BEFORE OUR NATIONAL RULERS .- The subject is now before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, (as also before a similar one in the House of Representatives,) and one of its members, an able and excellent man, is preparing a full report on the subject, with a determation to bring it in before the close of the present session. There is, also, some good reason to hope, that an arbitration clause, in accordance with Gov. Foote's resolution reported unanimously from the same Committee to the Senate, in 1851, will be incorporated in the important treaty now pending between us and England. We devoutly pray it may be so; for such a step would, in its ultimate results, mark a most important era in the world's history.

CORRESPONDENCE.—We have from various quarters communications from which we wished to give extracts, and among them a brief one, in his usual spirit of warm-hearted zeal for our cause, from our excellent friend, Rev. Titus Coan, on the Sandwich Islands, to J. P. Blanch-ARD, Esq., in response to peace publications sent thither for gratuitous distribution. To some of our friends who have spontaneously remembered the pecuniary necessities of our cause, our special thanks are due.

THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION ON PEACE—is likely, after all our fears for a time, and in spite of some ill omens still in the direction of what is called Young America, to oppose a mild yet pretty effectual resistence to the mad schemes of fillibusters. An altered tone is heard from the great oracles of the party now on the threshold of power in the republic; and the recent outcry for Cuba, another slice from Mexico, and we hardly know what else, is for the time hushed into silence. The prospect is far better in this respect than it was some months ago.

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